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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Sir:

In the Office Action dated June 23, 2006, the Examiner imposed an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121.

The Examiner instructed the Applicants to elect: *a*) a single poly(N-vinyl lactam), *b*) a single therapeutic agent, *c*) a single polysaccharide, *d*) a single consistency modifying agent, and *e*) a single cross-linker.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse:

- a*) polyvinylpyrrolidone as the single poly(N-vinyl lactam),
- b*) antimicrobial as the single therapeutic agent,
- c*) O-carboxymethyl chitosan as the single polysaccharide,
- d*) polyurethane as the single consistency modifying agent, and
- e*) glutaraldehyde as the single cross-linker.

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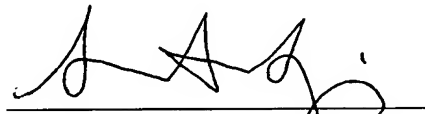
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Once a generic claim is held to be allowable, then claims to additional species which depend from the generic claim will be considered. Claims 24-32 and 34-50 are considered to be generic.

In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due. However, if any fees are due, please deduct such sum from Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

Respectfully submitted,



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